

Nationals Home After Winning Sixty Per Cent of Games in the West

Griffen and Cleveland Open Series Here Today

Jim Shaw Slated to Hurl for the Home Folks—Morgan May Play.

OLD FOX IS OPTIMISTIC

Nationals' Leader Says Club Is Playing Best Ball of Season Right Now.

By WILLIAM FEET.

"My club is playing better ball right now than at any time this season, and while I am not predicting any pennants, any team with a 500 percentage and the season more than makes up for a chance to win the flag."

"I am confident that the Nationals will make up a whole lot of ground here at home lacking those Western clubs, for we were more than able to hold our own with them during the trip just closed."

Optimistic as ever, the Old Fox is once more in the midst, and it's up to the fans to throw the old ball park and the club physician has assured me that Morgan is entirely healed of his injured leg. If Morgan looks to be ready to play I may put him back on second base.

It is interesting to note that during the Western tour the Boston Red Sox, league leaders, losing but one less and winning but one less than Bill Carrigan's crowd. The Nationals, on the other hand, won 60 per cent of their games. New York won but six games out of eight played while the Athletics out of six won only three. The records of the East vs. West during the invasion just finished follow:

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EASTERN TEAMS.		WESTERN TEAMS.			
Won.	Lost.	Won.	Lost.		
Boston.....	12	8	Chicago.....	10	4
New York.....	12	8	St. Louis.....	9	5
Washington.....	12	8	Cleveland.....	9	5
Athletics.....	12	8	Philadelphia.....	9	5
Totals.....	36	24	Totals.....	36	24

An erroneous impression regarding the status of Ray Morgan appears to have gone the rounds. Morgan has not drawn one penny of his salary since the time he was suspended more than three weeks ago. He was laid off for failure to keep in condition and one week after ordered to return to Chicago.

Morgan was injured in Chicago and sent home. His injury, according to Manager Griffith, was due to a possible physical condition, and until he is in shape to play ball, he gets no salary.

Washington fans pay their money to see the Nationals perform have a right to demand that the players be on the job and ready to give their best efforts.

Washington has been humiliated and punished. If Ray jumps into the game today and plays the kind of ball he is capable of putting up, he deserves something better than his usual share.

Give the youngsters another chance. If he delivers the goods and puts his whole heart into his work, encourage him.

If he does not Griffith will put on the finishing touches.

Let Morgan's work speak for itself. Let him by what he does on the ball field.

Although all of the second Cobbs and Johnsons are back in the tall grass, we are thankful that the only original still remain with us.

According to the writer on the Philadelphia Evening Ledger:

"The Braves will play the pennant again if Ray jumps into the game today and plays the kind of ball he is capable of putting up, he deserves something better than his usual share."

"They are not as far down now as they were last season, and in the last series with the Red Sox they won more than at any time in 1914. In 1914 they won because they caught the field napping. The field is better balanced and every one is fighting the Braves, but they are too strong to be beaten. No club in the National League has been able to make any headway or stage a winning streak that would put them in front, and this has given the Braves their chance. The Dodgers and Phillies have gone along in great shape for a time, but just as soon as they have a chance to take a large lead they slump. When the Braves go out in front they will keep on going. Remember what I tell you. The Braves will be in first place before the first of September and they will stay there."

Brightwood, 10; Takoma A. C. 4.

BRIGHTWOOD.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.
Gut, 1b.....	4	0	0	0	0
Heimlicher, c.....	4	0	0	0	0
Brown, 2b.....	3	1	1	0	0
Lamm, 3b.....	3	2	1	0	0
Dutton, cf.....	3	2	1	0	0
Polk, p.....	3	1	1	0	0
McAfee, p.....	3	1	0	0	0
Totals.....	20	6	3	0	0

TAKOMA A. C.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.
Grubb, 1b.....	4	1	0	0	0
Grubb, 2b.....	4	1	0	0	0
Stewart, 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0
Stewart, cf.....	3	0	0	0	0
Little, p.....	3	0	0	0	0
Roberts, p.....	3	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	20	2	0	0	0

First base by error—Brightwood, 1; Takoma, 1. Left on base—Brightwood, 1; Takoma, 1. Inning pitched—By Dean, 6; by Stevens, 4. Inning pitched—By Dean, 6; by Stevens, 4.

Earned runs—Brightwood, 4; Takoma, 1. First base by error—Brightwood, 1; Takoma, 1. Left on base—Brightwood, 1; Takoma, 1.

So steady are the winds at Curfoss that three wireless telegraph stations depend upon windmills to furnish their power.

LEADS HIS INDIANS TO CAPITAL TODAY.



LEE FOHL.

Manager of Cleveland Club which opens three-game series against Griffen at National Park this afternoon.

Potomac Junior Eight Picked for Baltimore

Following a mile race between the junior crew of the Potomac Boat Club and a picked crew from the same organization on the Potomac yesterday, which the former won by a narrow margin, the Potomac Boat Club has picked a crew to represent the club at the regatta in Baltimore Saturday.

BUCK SHOWS FORM AND HUSTLERS WIN

Five matches were completed in the Home Club tennis tournament yesterday, all of them in the singles. The best match of the day was that between R. F. Andrews, of Education, and R. C. Wells, of the Geological Survey, which went to Andrews in two straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

RELAY RACE TO COAST ENDS.

San Francisco, July 26.—A motorcycle relay race started last Monday from Washington, D. C., to demonstrate the efficiency of motorcycles for dispatch carrying in time of war, ended yesterday, when the last rider delivered dispatches to President Wilson and the War Department.

GRANGER SPURTED TOO LATE.

New York, July 26.—W. R. Granger, Jr., of Dartmouth, who has been a consistent winner of middle distance races from scratch this season, failed to repeat at Celler Park yesterday in the 1,000 yards race at the annual games of the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers.

Catholic Church League.

St. Margaret, 4; St. Peter, 3. The Catholic Church League, which was organized last night, and it was rumored that another member of Manager Hendrick's squad also had signed a Federal contract.

Referee on Outside.

New York, July 26.—Jack Britton and Johnny Dundee have agreed to an innovation in the plans for their bout here on Thursday evening by consenting that the referee shall officiate from outside the ring. The State Boxing Commission will decide tomorrow whether to approve the proposed change from boxing tradition. The winner of the bout will move a step in the direction of a match with Freddie Welsh, the light-weight champion.

Telegraphers Win Out.

Telegraphers defeated Transportation in the Southern Railway League yesterday in a closely played game, 14 to 10. Up to the fourth inning it was anybody's game, but Spencer came to bat and held the Transportation safe during the rest of the game. Spencer's performance was the main reason of Transportation's defeat.

COMPLETE STATISTICS OF THE MAJOR LEAGUES.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

American.	National.
Philadelphia, 6; Cincinnati, 2.	Pittsburgh, 2; New York, 1.
St. Louis, 1; Chicago, 0.	Brooklyn, 1; St. Louis, 0.
Boston, 1; Chicago, 0.	Boston, 1; Chicago, 0.

TERRAPINS DIVIDE BILL WITH WHALES.

Chicago Lands First Game, 11 to 3, but Drops Second, 5 to 1—Other Federal Games.

Protest Puzzles Local Moguls of Sandlots

TEN, TWENTY, THIRTY CENT BASEBALL? There's a proposition on the iron now that may result in the transforming of one proud and haughty major league into a 10, 20, 30 cent show. Instead of paying two, four and six bits—yes, and sometimes eight and ten—to see 'em lose, you'll get the same sensation for about one-half the cost, or less.

DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS

By JOHN A. DUGAN. Profits and then some more protests entertained the officers of the association and occupied most of the time at the meeting of the local amateur baseball moguls at Spaulding's store last night.

But few real decisions were reached, as most of the business referred to the commission was postponed until a meeting to be held next Monday evening. The protests which were entered by three leagues were laid over until this evening, when the board of arbitration will meet in President Robert H. Young's office in the Southern Building.

The negotiations from Baltimore in reference to playing the local champion in an intercity series was brought before the board, and after a little discussion it was thought advisable to let the matter drop this season, as the association in Baltimore has not strict enough rules in its post-season series.

The dealings with the National Amateur Baseball Association were presented to the association by S. Edward Beach, chairman of the committee on investigation, and after a long report in which he read all the correspondence, he asked the association to lay them on the table for future investigation. By his report it was not clear if the association was a movement for joining the big boys this season and he headed out a big boost for the local baseball association.

The seven leagues under the association all had representatives present and after agreeing on nothing next Monday, the association adjourned and the board of arbitration went into a short session.

The first protest brought before the board was the game of last Thursday in the Government League between Baltimore and the Washington Nationals, which was protested on grounds of unfairness of opinion this protest was laid over until tonight. President Dean, of the Government League, granted the Commissioner of the league to permit to start playing the interleague series to decide a champion, but should the board rule Bureau winner in the second series on grounds of unfairness, the team will start the playoff on Wednesday evening. Clark Griffith, the manager of the Nationals, will be the third member of the board between event.

The protest of the East Washington Nationals was declared eligible to play with the Rosedale team, of the Rosedale League, in the coming post season series, the boys being "Totals" Long, Daughton, Bell, and Purry.

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Condition of the Buying Market at Parker-Bridget & Co's Today

LISTED. SELLING. MARKET. \$20 Suits.....\$14.25.....Fast selling \$25 Suits.....\$18.75.....Active \$18 Suits.....\$13.25.....Strong \$6 and \$7.50 Panamas.....\$3.70.....Quick sales \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 Shirts.....79c.....Very active \$5 Teck Oxford.....\$3.95.....Steady selling

Many unusual values listed in every department. This is the time of the Annual Midsummer Sale at this nationally known store.

(Signed) PARKER, BRIDGET & CO., —The Avenue at 9th.

Tommy Lowe Battles Willie Houck Tonight

Local Veteran Meets Quaker City Swatter in Fifteen Rounds at Ardmore.

FIVE OTHER BOUTS LISTED

Following a lapse of nearly two months, which time Jimmie Lafontaine, the local fight promoter, has taken the direct management of affairs, the Maryland Athletic and Social Club will hold its first program tonight, when Tommy Lowe, the Washington light-weight, is scheduled to meet Willie Houck of Philadelphia, in a fifteen-round match at the Ardmore fight arena. From the present outlook the initial program of the club under its new management is by far the best ever held in this city, and should the proper crowd turn out to witness the fight it will only be a question of a few months when the Washington people can see the top-notchers in action.

Tommy Lowe, who fights Houck in the main attraction, is now in the pink of condition, having worked hard throughout the past three weeks in preparation for his well-known opponent and followed such vigorous training because of his opponent's ability. Houck is by far the best of the fighters who have ever been brought to this city to show before the local fans, as he has a record of which very few in the fight game today can show. Having fought Johnny Kilbane and Sammy Robideau to a standstill in Philadelphia during the past winter.

It goes without saying that any man who has the capability of withstanding the terrible onslaught of Johnny Kilbane, the present feather-weight champion, is capable of holding his own in any ring in this country, and should Tommy Lowe steps into the ring tonight he will face a real fighter of the first class. Following the publishing of Houck's records, the Washington fans have picked him as the winner, and when he enters the ring he will be a favorite over the Washington light-weight, Pat O'Connor, who is scheduled to go eight rounds with the two fighters.

In the semi-windup Young Thomas, of Washington, is scheduled to meet Jimmie Cummings, of Baltimore, in a fifteen-round bout. The improvement shown by Thomas in his last two fights stamps him as the probable victor, as he carries a punch in both hands which is a great deal of punishment. Should Thomas come up to expectations he will be matched with Kid Greck, the present feather-weight champion of the District, for the next show. This bout is scheduled to go eight rounds, but perhaps knowing the hitting ability of both men think it is hardly possible that it will be the limit.

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